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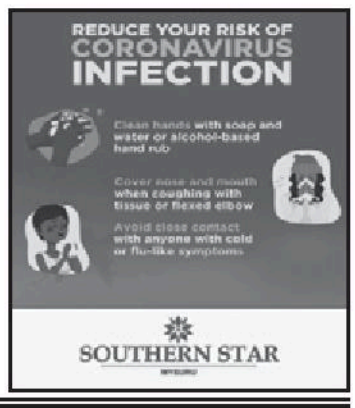
REDUCE YOUR RISK OF
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INFECTION
Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub
Cover nose and mouth when coughing with tissue or flexed elbow
Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms
SOUTHERN STAR

Mobile Command Centre tracks lockdown violators

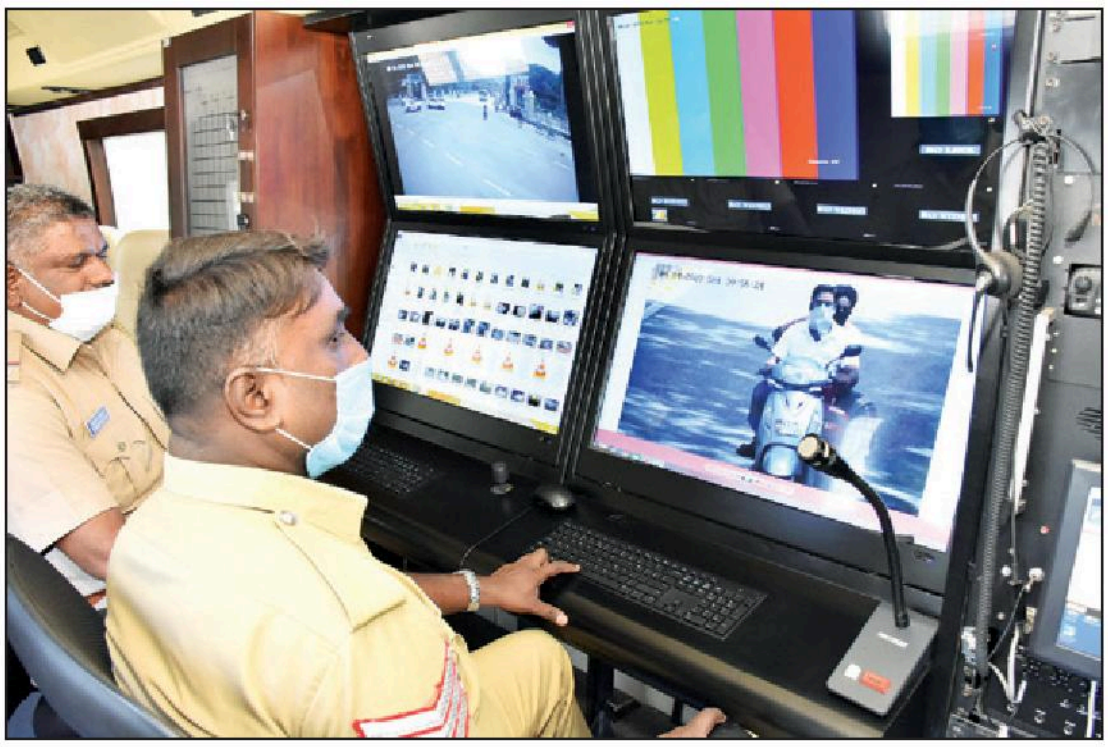
- Images captured, videos recorded and notices being sent to houses
- Disaster Management Act enforced to prevent attacks on doctors, Police, paramedic staff

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (RK&BCT)- Following the success of crowd monitoring and managing during Dasara, the Mobile Command Centre vehicle is now keeping a hawk-eye vigil on the movement of vehicles during the Coronavirus nationwide lockdown period. Photographs of violating vehicles are being clicked and challans, notices are being served to the homes of violators.

The hi-tech Mobile Command Centre worth over Rs. 2.5 crore, having Pan-Tilt-Zoom Camera, four fixed cameras, 10 wireless detachable cameras, and one Drone camera is keeping a close watch on the roads and areas that have been declared sensitive. Instead of stopping violating vehicles, cameras are capturing the to and fro movements of the vehicles. Repeat violators are easily caught.

The advanced vehicle has LED display screens and the information of violators is transmitted to the Traffic Command Centre at City Police Commissioner's Office from where the notices are being sent. The Mobile Command Centre can monitor the vehicles, capture photos and record videos from a distance of one kilometre clearly.

The vehicle moves around the city and is stationed at strategic places like Government Ayurveda Circle, Dairy Circle on Bannur Road, Maharaja's College Road, Moulana Abul Kalam Circle, FTS Circle, Udayagiri Circle, Mandi Mohalla and other areas. The Command Centre helps surveillance and is equivalent to thousand eyes within a large area. It has all the features of a Police Control Room and is on the move to capture all the action, live at all the places wherever it is stationed. "People come out of their homes giving reasons of health, essential supplies and emergency. We are tracking the movement and are penalising them. Repeat violators are closely being watched," said a Police officer.



Policemen inside the Mobile Command Centre keeping a vigil on vehicle movement in city this morning.

Disaster Management Act enforced

The Mysuru District Administration has enforced Disaster Management Act following the directives from the Centre for consistency in the application and implementation of various measures to fight the killer virus and to ensure maintenance of essential services and supplies.

The Ministry of Home Affairs invoked the Disaster Management Act, directing the Ministries or departments of Government of India, State and Union Territory Governments and authorities to implement the measures laid down in the Central order. The measure restricts residents' movement outside of their homes and orders a closure of all offices, factories and shops, except those considered as essential goods and services.

The Act also empowers the District Administration and the local city corporations to take criminal action against people who obstruct government servants, Police, health workers and paramedical staff from discharging their duties to combat COVID-19. Criminal cases can be booked against such persons and they can be jailed under the provisions of Disaster Management Act.

Pay power bill online: CESC

- Consumers can pay average bill of previous months
- Difference amount to be adjusted in next month's bill

CESC bill collectors serve individual bills to companies in city this morning.

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (RKB,AM&BCT)- Amidst Coronavirus scare and the lockdown in place till Apr. 14, the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) , as per the directions from the Government Secretariat, has given some relief to consumers who are unable to pay their electricity bills at the different divisions of CESC.

The State Government, in its earlier order had asked Escoms (electricity supply companies) neither to penalise its customers nor go for disconnection if one fails to pay the bill.

(See BILL on page 12)

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
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People's pleasing profile

Self-praising and self-degrading habits are known to lead to enthusiasm and depression respectively. Also, facing crisis situations and succumbing to stress, often self-created, depend on one's preparedness ahead of the contingency. Asking anybody to be prepared in dealing with viruses in general and COVID-19 in particular is sure to be dismissed as naive. The saying that "What cannot be cured *must* be endured" during the present crisis may have to be modified to "What cannot be cured *need not* endure." That is precisely the current scenario given the war-like action by the administration, first marshalling the resources of materials, methods and men to combat the virus and next exhorting the land's 1,350-plus millions to join hands in a synergy with the functionaries in both the Government and voluntary organisations to arrest the march of the epidemic. One has every reason to feel proud about India's diaspora that has responded pro-actively to the exhortation, barring some well-marked sections in the population.

Diversity in the country's masses on various counts, historically speaking, has not come in the way of unity on many occasions such as the three major wars during 1960s and 1970s. Expressions *(a)* Jai Jawan Jai Kisan and *(b)* Ornaments for armaments proved electrifying on those occasions. India's leadership has once again come to the fore in bringing out the courage and fortitude in its masses.

In the backdrop of high density of population, particularly in the 8,000-odd cities and towns across the country, compounded by a rapid rise in the number of automobiles cluttering the roads between cities and streets in city limits, the common sight until a few weeks ago, people complying with the *stay home* plea by the top brass in the Government has drawn high praise from many agencies across the world, particularly the World Health Organisation (WHO). The millions of children too have emulated their parents in not stirring out, a lesson for the sections in the adult population to learn even as they are defying the simplest prescription of maintaining *social distance* (about one meter apart). Mothers in both urban spaces and villages too have done a great job in keeping the ambience in their homes in good cheer.

The nation's media, including electronic and print modes, not to forget the tabloids despite financial hardships, have chipped in splendidly keeping the people upto-date with all relevant information and data related to the crisis. The kind and selfless acts of caring for the economically devastated workforce depending on their daily wages by hundreds of voluntary groups is the star feature of people's pleasing profile in this world's largest Democracy. No praise is too much for both the land's leadership and its masses.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

One of the side effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, which is wreaking havoc on the world's physical and economic health and which supposedly originated in bat meat which some Chinese eat, has given rise to what might be called food racism. Some are blaming China's dietary preferences, which they find weird and revolting, for the cause of the virus. This isn't quite fair. Or fare. People all over the world eat things which other people might shudder at. The French, who pride themselves on their haute cuisine, relish snails (escargot), frogs' legs and horse meat. And the Food Department of Fortnum and Mason, London's landmark store, famously boasts chocolate coated ants' eggs among its other delicacies. The Japanese prize the fugu fish, which has a poison sac which if not removed with due diligence can kill the person eating the fish. The Koreans celebrate special occasions by eating dogs.

— Jug Suraiya in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Dad creates custom safety pod to protect his child

Shanghai: A young Chinese dad spent a month converting a cat carrier backpack into a safety pod for his baby. His invention allegedly protects the child from any infection and pumps purified air into the pod with an electronic fan system.

30-year-old Cao Junjie, a tech-savvy father from Shanghai, China, wanted something that would allow him and his wife, Fang, to take their two-month-old son on walks without worrying that he might get infected with the Novel Coronavirus. Even though babies and young people in general usually experience mild symptoms, they didn't want to take a chance, so Junjie came up with a solution inspired by Hideo Kojima's latest video game (Death Stranding), a carrier pod completely isolated from the outside.

Embarrassing haircut to prevent son from going out

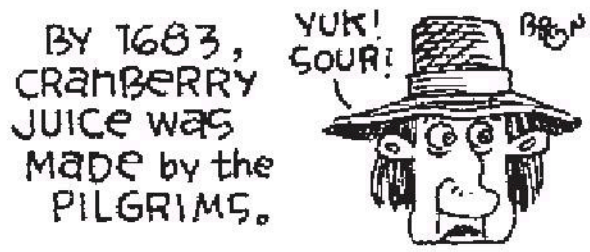
Manila: A Filipino father came up with an ingenious way of keeping his young boy in the house during the recently issued lockdown due to the rapidly spreading Covid-19 pandemic.

As in most other places, the Government has enforced a social distancing program that requires citizens to isolate themselves in their own homes and go out as little as possible. However, enforcing this type of lockdown isn't as simple as you might think, especially when dealing with young children used to spending most if their time playing outside with their friends.

The boy had stubbornly refused the stay-at-home order, so his father had to come up with a way to convince him. Instead of scolding him or punishing him, he simply took a knife and gave him a rather humiliating "balding" haircut. Well, if it keeps him inside and safe from infection.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

What are the health benefits of Cranberries?



Cranberries do much more than reduce urinary tract infections. Cranberries have been shown to reduce the risk of stroke, diabetes and heart disease. Cranberries destroy harmful gut bugs, protect teeth and gums, help prevent cancer and reduce antibiotic resistance.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Indian Railways clears air on erroneous reports on post-lockdown journeys

Mysuru, Apr. 4- The Indian Railways on Thursday flagged what it called erroneous reports by a section of the media that it had re-started ticket reservation for journeys post-Apr. 14.

It had never been stopped in the first place, Railway authorities clarified.

The time-frame for advance reservation of tickets is 120 days, so the window for Apr. 15 tickets was open before the lockdown period started, the Railways said in a tweet.

The clarification came after media reports earlier claimed that Railways had started reservation for post-lockdown period, which is slated to end on Apr. 14.

For those with tickets for travel during the lockdown period, refund has already been initiated, the Railways said.

The national transporter on Mar. 22 announced that all its passenger trains would discontinue services till Mar. 31.

Around 9,000 goods trains that run every day are operating as usual, the Government has said.

While reviewing the running of special parcel trains by the Railways to supply important items, Railway Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday asked the officials to make the service available on more routes so that goods like medicines, essential equipment, edibles can be supplied quickly.

Parcel special trains are already running on eight routes and 20 more are in the pipeline in different zones, the Railway Ministry said.

Really...?

- *You blink over 10,000,000 times a year.*
- *A sneeze travels out of your mouth at over 100 miles an hour.*
- *Brain waves can be used to power an electric train.*
- *A human brain weighs about three pounds.*
- *The tongue is the fastest healing part of the body.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: ***What are some products of the West Indies?***

Student: ***I don't know.***

Teacher: ***Of course, you do. Where do you get sugar from?***

Student: ***We borrow it from our neighbour!!***

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 76.42
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 93.77
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.81
1 Euro	= Rs. 82.57

VOICE OF THE READER

Whither social distancing?

Sir,

With the State Government announcing door-to-door distribution of ration to BPL card holders, hundreds of people crowded at Kalyanagiri Housing Apartment (Ward 32) yesterday, giving the social distancing measure a toss.

When the District Administration is taking all safety measures and appealing the citizens to maintain social distance at public places, some people don't seem to take the pandemic advisory seriously. Hence, it is better to distribute the ration at Fair Price Shops as usual with some precautionary measure.

—Zeeshan

Mysuru
3.4.2020

Mysore Physicians Trust donates Personal Protection Kits

Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy, Chairman of the Trust, Dr. H. Basavanagowda, Secretary and Dr. M. Srinivasa, Treasurer, are seen handing over the cheque and PPE Kits to Dr. Col. Dayananda, Director of JSS Hospital and Dr. M. Guruswamy, Medical Superintendent; (pic. below) *Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Dean & Director and Dr. Dakshayani, Principal of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute.*

Mysuru, Apr. 4- The Mysore Physicians Medical and Research Trust (MPMRT) donated about Rs. 1 lakh worth PPE-Personal Protection Kits to K.R. Hospital and JSS Hospital. This material will help in protecting the professional healthcare workers from transmission of COVID-19 virus.

The PPE-Kit will have coverall suit, hood drape, face mask, hand gloves, plastic apron, goggles, shoe leggings, waste disposal bag and wrap.

Thousands of doctors and nurses across the country are serving in this hard pressed era of COVID-19. This kind of support and encouragement will boost the morale of professional colleagues to work with more confidence, the Trust opined.

75-year-old man with no travel history is State's fourth COVID-19 victim

Bengaluru, Apr. 4 (UNI & Agencies)- A day after Karnataka witnessed a surge in Coronavirus-positive cases, the State recorded its fourth fatality on Friday. The victim is a 75-year-old man from Bagalkot (patient 125) who had no travel history. His son, who works with a software company in Bengaluru and his daughter had visited him about 10 days ago. The son too is being tested.

Bagalkot Deputy Commissioner Captain Dr. K. Rajendra said the man had tested positive only on Thursday and was admitted to a Government Hospital for medical care. But he died within 24 hours. The health authorities had put all the 10 members of his family under quarantine and collected their throat swabs.

"At around 8 pm, the man passed away. Seven of his family members and three others have been quarantined. The son and daughter tested negative. The last rites were performed early hours of Saturday. The last rites had to be performed as per protocol. We finished all formalities by 3.30 am," DC Rajendra said.

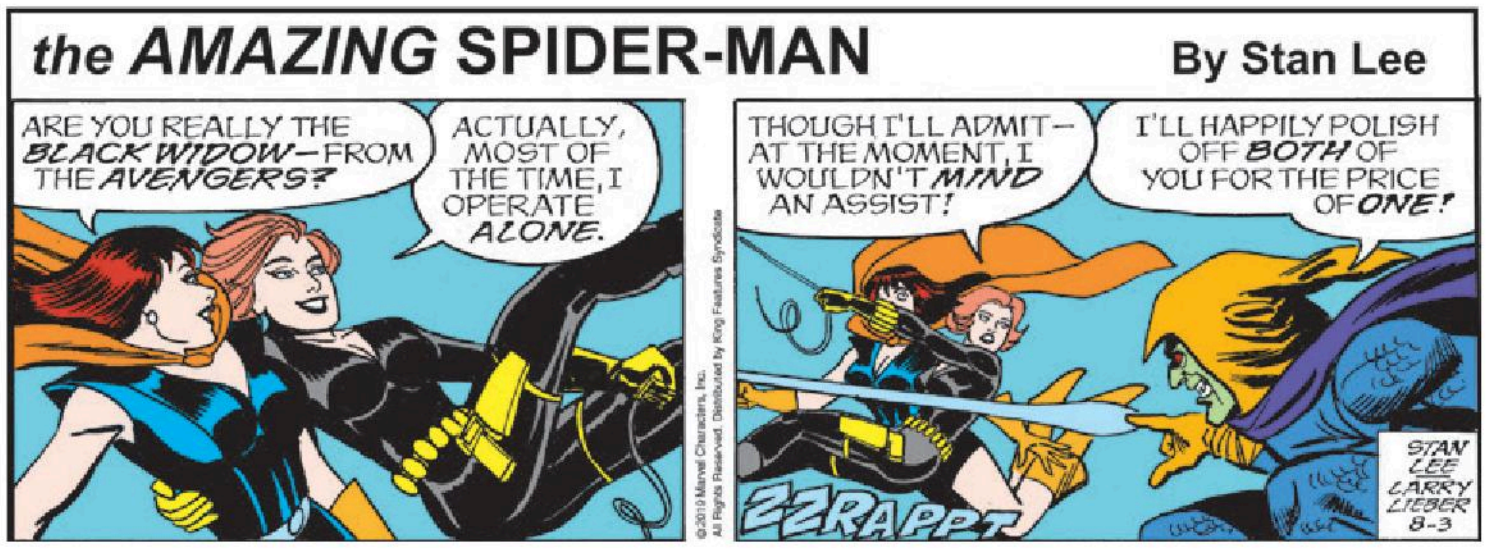
The district administration is now trying to track down the man's movement. The DC said that the man owned a Kirana shop in Bagalkot and had not travelled out of the district. "The process of contact tracing has begun. We will give more details about his movements later," he added.

The first case of death in Karnataka due to Coronavirus was in Kalaburagi district, where a 76-year-old man died on Mar. 10. Two days later, on Mar. 12, his test results returned positive for SARS-CoV-2 infection. The State Health Department said that the man had died due to underlying comorbidities.

The second case was a woman from Andhra Pradesh, who had come to Bengaluru for treatment. She subsequently passed away on Mar. 27. She was confirmed positive for COVID-19 a day after she passed away.

The third case was also reported on Mar. 27. The 65-year-old man from Tumakuru, who died, was confirmed to have COVID-19 after his death. He was treated in the outpatient department, as he had no history abroad. The patient reportedly travelled from Delhi to Bengaluru on a train, and then travelled to Tumakuru by bus. This was the first reported case in Tumakuru.

So far, 128 people have tested positive and four deaths have been reported in the State.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By Stan Lee
ARE YOU REALLY THE BLACK WIDOW—FROM THE AVENGERS?
ACTUALLY, MOST OF THE TIME, I OPERATE ALONE.
THOUGH I'LL ADMIT—AT THE MOMENT, I WOULDN'T MIND AN ASSIST!
I'LL HAPPILY POLISH OFF BOTH OF YOU FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!
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NEWS BRIEFS

No need of 'Passes' for goods vehicles

The Mysuru City Police have, in a press release, clarified that there will be no restriction on movement of goods vehicles and there is no need of 'Passes' for the same. For any inconvenience, they may contact Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339 or 2418139, according to a press release from the City Police.

Coronavirus: Events cancelled

In view of the prevailing Coronavirus pandemic, the celebrations of Ugadi festival on Mar.23 and Panchanga Shravana and Sri Ramanavami festival, which were scheduled to be held from Apr.1 to Apr.3, have been cancelled, according to a press release from Shankara Jayanti Sabha, Saraswathipuram.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	104.22 ft
Yesterday	104.35 ft
Inflow	44 cusecs
Outflow	664 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.28 ft
Inflow	167 cusecs
Outflow	1325 cusecs

Mild tremors in parts of Mysuru, Mandya and Hassan districts

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (Mahesh&BCT)- Mild tremors measuring 2.6 magnitude in the Richter Scale was experienced in parts of K.R. Nagar, Hunsur and Periyapatna in Mysuru district, K.R. Pet in Mandya and Hassan last evening.

The epicentre of the tremors was traced between K.R. Nagar in Mysuru district and Arakalagud in Hassan district. Earth shook at around 5.20 pm and the shaking lasted for a few seconds, spreading panic. Cracks developed on the walls of houses and metal vessels vibrated and even fell off the shelves.

Realising it was a quake, people rushed out of their homes and called out neighbours too to come out of their houses.

Only after the tremors subsided, villagers realised that some of the walls of their houses have been cracked. Tremors were felt at Harave, Hirikyathanahalli and surrounding areas in Hunsur taluk, parts of K.R. Pet taluk, Kalenahalli and Garudanahalli in Arakalagud taluk of Hassan.

Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre Scientific Officer Dr. C.N. Prabhu said that the epicentre of the mild tremor lies near Arakalagud-K.R. Nagar, as per the Richter Scale. There is no need for panic as it is very mild, he said. However, the National Centre for Meteorology and Seismology has published in its website that the intensity of the tremor was 3.2 magnitude.

Srinivas Reddy, Director of Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre, described the seismic activity as a "micro-tremor." Tremors with a magnitude of less than 3 on the Richter Scale do not cause any problems.

"It happens only on account of some readjustment taking place in the crust. It may not create a big displacement," he said.

He also ruled out the possibility of the tremors posing any threat to Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) reservoir. "There is no need for panic," he said.

With no food, street dogs suffer from hunger

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (RK&DM)- The COVID-19 lockdown has not only severely affected human beings, but also street dogs as well, as they are finding no food to eat.

With no one to provide food to them, the street dogs lie wailing along the deserted streets, crying for someone to feed them.

With all shops, hotels, restaurants, bakeries and meat shops shut, the street dogs, which usually depended on them, are now left no where to go for food.

On normal days, the street dogs, which moved on the roads in packs of 10 to 15, somehow used to find food, with people throwing bread, buns, biscuits, waste food, meat wastes etc, at them. But with hardly any public movement on roads, the street dogs lie wailing on the streets, waiting for someone to provide food for them.

However, there seems to be little hope for the street dogs as some animal-lovers of the city, who come in cars, are feeding the dogs with bread and biscuits.

The animal-lovers feel that the Veterinary Department , the MCC and Animal Welfare Organisations such as People For Animals (PFA) should come forward to the rescue of these dumb animals, which are left starving due to want of food.

Meanwhile, Veterinary Department Assistant Director Dr. S.C. Suresh said that the Department has no special grants for taking care of street dogs. Although it is true that street dogs are suffering from acute hunger due to non-availability of food for them, the Department is helpless in the absence of any special fund for feeding street dogs and other domestic animals, he added.

MCC feeds 7,000 shelterless daily

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (RKB&DM)- With the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown rendering thousands of migrant labourers and tourists homeless and hungry, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) as a novel gesture, is feeding 7,300 persons who have been temporarily housed at various shelter camps and Santwana Kendras in different parts of the city for the past few days.

As labourers and workers from the unorganised sector have nowhere to go following the enforcement of lockdown, the District Administration has set up 17 shelter camps in city.

About 7,300 shelterless persons have been sheltered at the following centres — Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road, Youth Hostel in T.K. Layout, Bamboo Bazar night shelter, CITB (MUDA)Choultry, Hoysala Karnataka Sangha, Lakshmipuram, Chamundeshwari Karumariamma Kalyana Mantap,Vanita Sadana Shaale, Ashokapuram, Community Hall opposite ISKCON Temple at Jayanagar, Indira Canteen at Sharadadevinagar, Kuvempunagar KHB Complex, Kukkarahalli Community Hall, Kuduremala Community Hall, Kumbarakoppal Mahadeshwara Community Hall, Kamadhenu Educational Institutions, Hebbal, Kuvempu Decennial Government High School, Metagalli, RMC Circle, Indira Canteen, K.R. Circle, Kailasapuram Government High School on Pulikeshi Road, Dr. Ambedkar Community Hall on Abdul Rehman Road in Udayagiri, Bhovi Community Hall, R.S. Naidu Nagar, Community Hall, Jalapuri, Kyathamaranahalli Community Hall and Community Hall at A.K. Colony in Kyathamaranahalli.

All the inmates of these centres are provided breakfast, lunch and dinner, according to MCC Additional Commissioner Shashikumar, who is also the in-charge of all these centres.

He further said that many organisations too have voluntarily engaged in the distribution of food to the shelterless at these centres. The list of donors include H.V. Rajiv, Gowrishankar, Balachandra, Nagaraj, Rajendra, Basavaraju, Sowmya, P. Mahadev, Parthiv Patel, Harish, Kiran, Virupaksha, Badreesh, Bishop Dr. K.A. William, Anveshana Seva Trust and Aspada Global Trust, he added.

COVID-19 impact: An ever-busy Highway deserted now

On any given day and given time, thousands of vehicles traverse on this Highway connecting Mysuru and State Capital Bengaluru. More than 25,000 vehicles ply on this stretch every day and during peak hours, it is bumper-to-bumper traffic. Now the road is deserted, thanks to Coronavirus scare and the nation-wide lockdown. Even if one waits for an hour or so, there are hardly any vehicles. A small invisible virus can turn a busiest road into a deserted or haunted stretch. *[Pics by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

JK Organisation pledges

Rs. 10 crore to combat Coronavirus

Mysuru, Apr.4- JK Organisation, which has diversified interests including tyres, cement and paper, on Friday pledged Rs. 10 crore for fight against the Coronavirus pandemic.

While a large part of the fund will go to Prime Minister's Relief Fund, the rest will be utilised in meeting the immediate needs of communities and migrant labour, currently underway, at several locations across the country, the Organisation said in a statement.

"The relief work undertaken by the member companies JK Tyre, JK Paper, JK Lakshmi Cement, JK Fenner and others are going on for quite some time at several places; it includes distribution of food, drinking water, masks, sanitisers, safety kits for various frontline workers of health and sanitation departments, creation of isolation wards etc.," the statement said.

Commenting on the initiatives, JK Organisation President Bharat Hari Singhania said, "Integral to our philosophy of making a substantive impact on the ground and working for the needy, we have been fighting the battle at several fronts by supporting the communities, helping migrant labours and our own employees families residing at our plant townships."

The Organisation is also constantly looking at ways to plug the shortfall of masks, protective gears, sanitisers and other items of necessity at community level.

JK Organisation is also supporting Government officials, Police and Government Hospital employees with packed food and drinking water with help of NGOs.

It has been supporting District Health Department by providing ambulance, safety materials, masks, soaps, hand gloves to sanitary workers in Municipal Corporations.

In more than 150 villages around JK Organisation's plant across several States, the company has educated people about COVID-19 through public address systems, door-to-door visits, banners and posters at prominent locations and fumigation drives.

More than 20,000 masks and sanitisers have been distributed in the villages. The Organisation has set up 50 medical camps in villages to check for symptoms.

Awareness sessions were conducted for nearly 5,000 truck drivers, suppliers and other vendors and provided with masks as well as sanitisers.

NOTE: *This information was e-mailed to 'SOM' by M. Anand, DGM - HR&IR, JK Tyre and Industries Ltd., KRS Road, Mysuru.—**Ed.***

Spreading message on social distancing

Mysuru, Apr.4 (MTY&SD)- The whole nation is under lockdown till Apr. 14 in view of Coronavirus outbreak, but some people are still roaming around the city for no reason. Here is a 42-year-old man who is traveling across the city on his bike with a reason — to create awareness among such negligent people.

Mallikarjun alias Ramachari, a resident of Kaggalipura village in T. Narsipur taluk of Mysuru, has already visited Bannur taluk, travelling from one village to another spreading the message of safety measures against the pandemic. From last Saturday, he is in Mysuru city carrying the message of social distancing and other precautionary measures to be taken to fight COVID-19.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Ramachari said, "The District Administration is requesting people to remain indoors till Apr. 14 to save themselves and also others from this deadly virus, but people do not seem to understand the severity of the situation. So, I am travelling on my two-wheeler and communicating this message to general public."

Stating that he had requested for petrol charges from Gram Panchayat to his venture but was denied saying that there was no such provision, Ramachari said that he was still pursuing his mission of creating awareness by spending from his own pocket.

IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

COVID-19 Effects

Lights out, lamps on... and the plan?

We have another request from our Prime Minister. First we clapped for 5 minutes at 5 o' clock, next we have to light lamps for 9 minutes at 9 o' clock. What next? May be, chant for 10 minutes at 10 o' clock... for positive energy?

Indeed, collective acts of gratefulness and lighting lamps for solidarity do help in unifying and galvanising the country in times of crisis, but that alone is not enough to instil confidence in people.

There is angst and citizens would like to know where we are in this fight against the deadly virus. We want to know if our healthcare workers or "Corona Warriors," as the PM called them, have enough safety equipment?

We want to know how our healthcare workers, for whom the PM made us clap, are being protected from brainwashed people who have been attacking them? **We wanted to hear our PM warn these religious fanatics with dire consequences for endangering the lives of fellow citizens and assaulting healthcare workers. This would have built confidence in the Corona Warriors — from a Police Constable to a Nurse.**

In these social media-driven times of fake news we wanted clarity from our PM. We wanted to hear from our leader not from a *fakir* as Prasoon Joshi had called the PM.

When the Opposition criticised the PM's speech, General V.K. Singh, now Politician V.K Singh, said the Opposition has to "grow up" and "co-operate at such a time!"

Well, may be unquestioned obedience works in the Army, but in a civilian democracy unquestioned obedience leads to a General leading a democracy instead of an elected Prime Minister. May be General V.K. Singh can have a quick peek to the West at our neighbour to get an idea. Of course, the General knows. He has dealt with

them all his life. This is just blind defence!

We must support our Prime Minister and our Government in tragic times like these but what is wrong in asking our PM to tell us more? Would we have been so kind if Dr. Manmohan Singh had requested us to clap, then apologised for the problems and then asked us to light a lamp? Would we have not ripped the poor man apart by calling him names like "Mauna Mohan Singh," a "Ventriloquist's dummy" or "Madam's puppet"? Yet when anyone questions the purpose of this weekly emotional *atychaar* we are asked to "grow up"!

We don't want a Manmohan Singh version of Modi. We want a 2014 version of Modi. The articulate Modi.

Interestingly, during the PM's first address, the 8 o' clock address, some people ran out to get their Rs. 2,000 notes changed to a lower denomination fearing another demonetisation. But this time some thought we were having a blackout on April 5 !

But more importantly should we be worried about this "lights off, lamps on" exercise? Because a report dated March 27 published in *'Mint'* a credible and reputed business newspaper quoted a Government official saying, *"We have been able to manage the grid despite a sudden drop of electricity demand because of the lockdown."*

What he means is that since Industries, Agricultural activities and Businesses are shut, the power load has reduced by almost 70%! And when there is too much power and less usage, it leads to change in grid frequency that could lead to blackout.

But we guess the Government is capable of handling this and if we ask about this we will be asked to "grow up". So, for now let's follow the PM and light a lamp but let's pray that people don't go overboard and gather around a huge cut-out of Coronavirus and set it on fire like they do *Ravan Dahan* during Dasara.

Liberal Muslims speak up

Islam is being hijacked by fanatics. Most religions are. But most religions have self-critics. This is missing in Islam.

The ignorance and arrogance of members of Tablighi Jamaat has not only put the lives of Indians in danger but also embarrassed 200 million Indian Muslims and the Muslim community has to deplore it loudly.

Deflecting the issue saying, "What about crowds at certain Ram Navami celebrations?", asking "What about people gathering in Vegetable *Mandis*?" is dull and void, because as most liberals and Congressmen say, "Whataboutery is not an excuse."

In a post-CAA India where any negative news about Muslims is being exploited to vilify the whole community, it is time the liberal Muslims took their place in representing Islam in India.

Just like how Hindus vehemently speak up against Hindu fanatics, Muslims need that liberal voice to be critical of its religion. **In fact most articles critical of the BJP Government and most articles that are considered "anti-Hindu" are written by Hindus. From Historian Ramachandra Guha to Hindu Mythologist Devdutt Pattanaik. On the other hand where are the critical articles on Islam from Muslims or for that matter from "liberals"?**

Also it is time Muslims stop Hindu liberals from hijacking their voice and speak for themselves. It is time to bust the myth that Muslims are incapable of being self-critical.

The liberal Muslim voices need to be heard now at a time when fanatics have ensnared the minds of poor Muslims into believing that prayers will cure Coronavirus and that doctors are devil's hand-maidens. **Muslims need to speak up in these times when there is an effort underway to portray them as a community that puts its religion above the nation and with this new Tablighi Jamaat mess, their religion even above life itself.**

The Muslim narrative needs to be snatched away from holy men just as Hindutva narrative needs to be saved from being hijacked by Hindutva propaganda. And before you say it, NO, BJP coming to power does not prove that Hindutva has already hijacked Hinduism, it proves, Congress has failed in its Secularism.

Nehru inaugurating IIT Powai, Mumbai.

Nehru, Science and Religion

This reminds me of a passage from the book, *Discovery of India*, written by our first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru between 1942 - 1946 when he was in jail. He wrote, ***"Religion at its worst is divisive and at best irrelevant to the pressing economic and social problems confronting the Indian nation."***

The first Prime Minister, who today is mocked by every other half-wit, ill-informed, WhatsApp-educated, self-proclaimed patriot, who ignores the fact that this country today stands on the educational and industrial structure put in place by this man from IITs to ISRO, made this observation in his book, *"We have to get rid of that narrowing religious outlook, that obsession with the supernatural and metaphysical speculations which come in the way of our understanding ourselves and the world. We have to come to grips with the present, this life, this world, and this nature which surrounds us in its infinite variety.*

Some Hindus talk of going back to the Vedas; some Muslims dream of an Islamic theocracy. Idle fantasies, for there is no going back to the past, there is no turning back even if this was thought desirable. There is only one way traffic in Time. Forward."

He then adds, *"India must therefore lessen her religiosity and turn to Science. The religion of the orthodox Hindu is more concerned with what to eat and what not to eat, than with spiritual values. The Moslem has his own narrow codes and ceremonials which he religiously follows, forgetting the lesson of brotherhood which his religion taught him. His view of life is perhaps even more limited and sterile than the Hindu view."*

Well, nothing has changed since. Has it? As long as there is poverty, religion will be there to fill their minds with hope rather than their bellies with food. Unlike Corona that destroys our lungs, heart and liver, religion entraps our mind.

It seems, God gave us a brain and we have placed it at the foot of mere mortals, men of cloth who have created religion to justify their position as the middlemen between Man and God.

While religion is, has and still is the bane of human existence, the concept of God may have a purpose. Here I mean, the God who is a cosmic mystery not the worldly law-giver. The idea and belief in God can be comforting when you have no answers. Guess, one could say while Science can cure us, God can heal us.

Now, in these trying times may be we must all live by the advise of Marcus Aurelius, the Roman Emperor:

"Live a good life, and if there is a God and he is just, then he will not care how devout you have been but will welcome you based on the virtues you have lived by.

If there is a God, but he is unjust, then you should not want to worship such a God.

If there is no God, then, after you are gone... and if you had lived a noble life you will live on and on in the memories of your loved ones."

Amen.

Speaking of being gone...

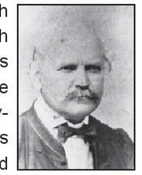
Most of us have received many forwards about how earth is cleansing itself as we, humans, are the real virus that is killing planet earth etc. This reminded me of an act by the famed Stand-Up Comedian and Author, George Carlin, which he performed in 1992. It was titled *"Jamming in New York"* and I thought I would share a small part of that act where Carlin speaks of earth and humans. Here it is:

"The planet has been through a lot worse than us. Been through earthquakes, volcanoes, plate tectonics, continental drift, solar flares, sun spots, magnetic storms, magnetic reversal of the poles ... hundreds of thousands of years of bombardment by comets and asteroids and meteors, worldwide floods, tidal waves, worldwide fires, erosion, cosmic rays, recurring ice ages...The planet isn't going any where. WE are!

The planet will be here and we'll be long gone. Just another failed mutation. Just another closed-end biological mistake. An evolutionary cul-de-sac. The planet will shake us off like a bad case of fleas."

Well, it feels like the shaking has begun indeed. And shaken we are.

A Handwash tragedy



Ignaz Semmelweis

As we continue our fight against Coronavirus, our day begins with hand-washing, continues with hourly hand-washing and ends with hand-washing. But the story of the man who discovered that hand-washing saves lives lost his life depressed as no one believed him.

In 1847, an Austrian Obstetrician from Vienna named Ignaz Semmelweis, published evidence that when doctors washed their hands before examining or treating patients, the mortality rate for women in his Hospital's birthing ward was greatly reduced.

Ignaz could not explain why hand-washing was effective — he didn't know about germs. He just observed that it worked and that patients no longer caught fevers and other diseases. He then tried to spread the word to other doctors and Hospitals but no one listened and patients continued to die.

Finally, in 1865, after 18 years of propagating hand-washing in Hospitals, Ignaz became clinically depressed as his work was not only rejected but also mocked at even though he proved, at least mathematically, that significantly less women and patients were dying in his Hospital compared to other Hospitals.

People portrayed him as being a crazy doctor and one day he was lured into visiting a mental asylum where a few doctors had planned to have him locked up.

Realising it was a trap, Ignaz tried to get out. He ran for his life and sanity. But he was caught, held down and beaten badly by the asylum guards. He was then placed in a straight jacket and locked up. He died two weeks later from injuries he suffered during the beating.

With crazy Ignaz gone, his Hospital was taken over by another Hospital and they ran it according to their old protocols. Soaps were gone. Hand-washing was no more mandatory. Soon enough, mortality rates increased by six fold within a few months, but nobody cared. If only they had just tried what Dr. Ignaz had suggested instead of calling him crazy, lives would have been saved.

This Ignaz story reminds me of what Nobel Laureate and the Greatest Theoretical Physicist of our time, Stephen Hawking, said:

"The thing about smart people is that they seem like crazy people to dumb people."

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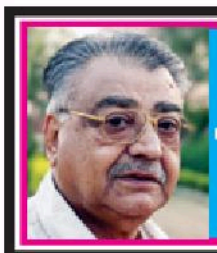

Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Remembering Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj – 10

Two interesting episodes...

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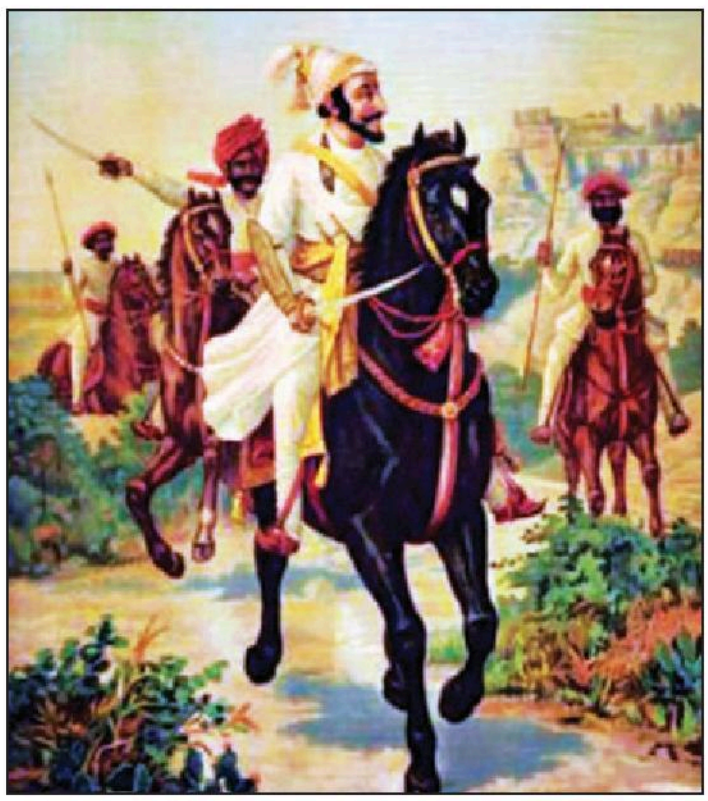

The city of Agra, where the imperial Mughal Court was at that time, resembled a country town where people had to sleep indoors even in hot weather for fear of thieves!

Some of the courtiers had their own Palaces at Agra while the most important nobles of the Court had their Palaces over-looking the river Yamuna. Raja Jai Singh at whose instance Shivaji decided to go to Agra also had a Palace, over-looking the river, named Jaipur House. It was to this house Raja Jai Singh's son Ram Singh came on a May evening in the year 1666 with Shivaji as his guest to meet Aurangzeb.

To deviate a tad from the main narration about Shivaji, let me mention about two interesting episodes of that time at Agra, known for two practitioners of the most profitable professions — Astrology and Sorcery.

We know from history that Aurangzeb usurped the Mughal throne after imprisoning his father Shah Jahan. Agra was a prosperous city during the reign of Shah Jahan due to the large factories of Dutch and Armenian merchants. During the time of Akbar, considered the most secular Emperor, a large Jesuit Church was built in Agra. It was notable for its Bell Tower whose bells were audible all over the city. Unfortunately, as it turned out, for the more fanatic Muslims, it became a nuisance. They became exasperated and intolerant by this constant reminder of a foreign place of worship and petitioned to Emperor Shah Jahan for the demolition of the Bell Tower. The Emperor acted on the petition and the Bell Tower (campanile) was demolished.

It is recorded that now the public celebration of Christian festivals, which in Jehangir's time had included (time of Aurangzeb's grandfather) processions through the principal streets, was proscribed, prohibited.

The world knows Taj Mahal was the Tomb built by Shah Jahan for his Queen. A little away from Taj Mahal was the prison where Aurangzeb's father, the deposed Emperor Shah Jahan, was imprisoned in the Jasmine Tower for seven years till his death being looked after by his favourite and devoted daughter Princess Jahanara. However, Aurangzeb was very close to his another sister Roshanara to whom the Emperor had his eyes and ears.

It was from the balcony of the Jasmine Tower the deposed Emperor Shah Jahan was gazing across the river at the white loveliness of the Taj Mahal built for his favourite wife Mumtaz Mahal who died on 17th June 1631 while delivering her 14th child. It is recorded that it had taken 20,000 labourers 22 years to build Taj Mahal. Be that as it may, the Italian Officer in Mughal service (you have heard his name earlier from me) Manucci has recorded an interesting incident that led to the death of one of the most romantic Mughal Emperors Shah Jahan who was deposed by Aurangzeb and imprisoned.

According to him, Aurangzeb could not bring himself to order the execution of his own father in the prison. Therefore, he got his men to irritate his father in jail by ordering his guards to beat kettledrums and gongs continuously under his prison window and create such nuisance that would make Shah Jahan's life miserable. This after various attempts to poison him failed.

Finally, according to the contemporary gossip, Shah Jahan's death came about through his own vanity and not through Aurangzeb's evil designs. According to Manucci, one morning when Shah Jahan was waxing his moustache in front of a mirror he saw in the glass two slave girls standing behind him. They were making derisive remarks about Shah Jahan and mocking at his feeble virility. Being very sensitive about his sexual prowess, the old man was deeply disturbed.

He at once ordered large supply of aphrodisiacs. After talking an overdose of these, he fell into a deep stupor. He never recovered consciousness!

Now to revert to Shivaji, the Emperor Aurangzeb was to hold a Durbar three days after Shivaji's arrival. Shivaji was summoned for his first interview with Emperor Aurangzeb.

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Lt. Gen. Codanda P. Cariappa is General Officer Commanding of elite First Strike Corps

Lieutenant General Codanda Poovaiah Cariappa seen taking charge from Lieutenant General Amardeep Singh Bhinder at Mathura yesterday.

Agra, Apr. 4 (Agencies)- Lieutenant General Codanda Poovaiah Cariappa assumed charge as General Officer Commanding of the elite First Strike Corps at Mathura yesterday.

Alumnus of National Defence Academy and Indian Military Academy, Cariappa was commissioned on June 9, 1984 into the 4th Battalion of the Rajputana Rifles. He is an expert in manoeuvre warfare, counter terrorism and operational art.

The General Officer has also held varied coveted command, instructional and staff appointments. He has served in all types of terrain to include deserts, mountains and plains covering a wide spectrum of military operations that has given him an intellectual edge in understanding the nuances of complex military operations both at operational and strategic levels.

The General is also an alumnus of Defence Services Staff College, Higher Command at Army War College and NATO Defence College at United States Army War College. The General Officer has a Master's degree in Philosophy in Defence Studies and Management, as well as in Strategic Studies.

The General has commanded a mountain division and an infantry brigade and also served as part of United Nations peace keeping force at Mozambique (Africa) and Iraq - Kuwait.

Prior to taking over command of Elite First Strike Corps, he was the Military Secretary to the President of India in New Delhi. On assuming the command, he emphasised that his priority is 'fight against COVID-19 threat'.

He exhorted the soldiers to continue work with the same zeal and enthusiasm. "Focus on operational preparedness, with realistic training, to achieve an exceptional level of military professionalism so that First Strike Corps continues to undertake its mandated role of defeating military misadventures by enemies of India," he said.

Rs. 4 lakh for COVID relief works

The Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI), Mysore, donated Rs.4 lakh to MLA S.A. Ramdas towards relief works for victims of Corona-related shutdown taken up in Mysuru by GSS Research Foundation. Sriram of Tapovan, Prakash of Pramur Builders, D. Srihari of GSS Projects, Sridhar of Foundations and Arun Pandit of Samatha Group were present.

Action against those who attack doctors, Police: DC

Home Ministry asks States to get tough with those who attack healthcare workers

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (MTY&BCT)- As India battles the Coronavirus outbreak, sporadic attacks on doctors, social workers and Police personnel have come to the fore raising concerns over their safety and prompting warnings by authorities.

In the wake of such attacks, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar has warned that people obstructing the doctors, health workers, Police, volunteers and support staff will be severely dealt with.

"People who are working outside are not here for picnic or as a leisure activity. People must understand that the Government, in its efforts to combat the killer virus, has put its entire machinery into action and has sought support from volunteers and semi-Government agencies. Any disruption in their activities or attacks on them will attract stringent action," he said.

Abhiram G. Sankar

He asserted that strong action will be taken against the culprits and necessary measures will be put in place to provide protection to all the doctors and paramedics treating COVID-19 patients.

Meanwhile, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has directed all State Governments to take strict action against those who are found attacking and manhandling healthcare and frontline workers.

Punya Salila Srivastava, Joint Secretary in the Home Ministry, wrote to all States seeking security of the medical fraternity. She said the States have also been directed through video conferencing to take these incidences very seriously and act promptly.

"The Home Ministry has also clearly instructed the States to ensure the security of the medical fraternity," Srivastava said during a regular press briefing related to the developments of novel Coronavirus pandemic.

There are seven helpline numbers in the control room of the Union Home Ministry. Recently, the Ministry introduced two more helpline numbers — 1930 (all India toll-free number) and 1944 (dedicated to the Northeast) for such complaints.

MLA Ramdas launches Ayur Care team

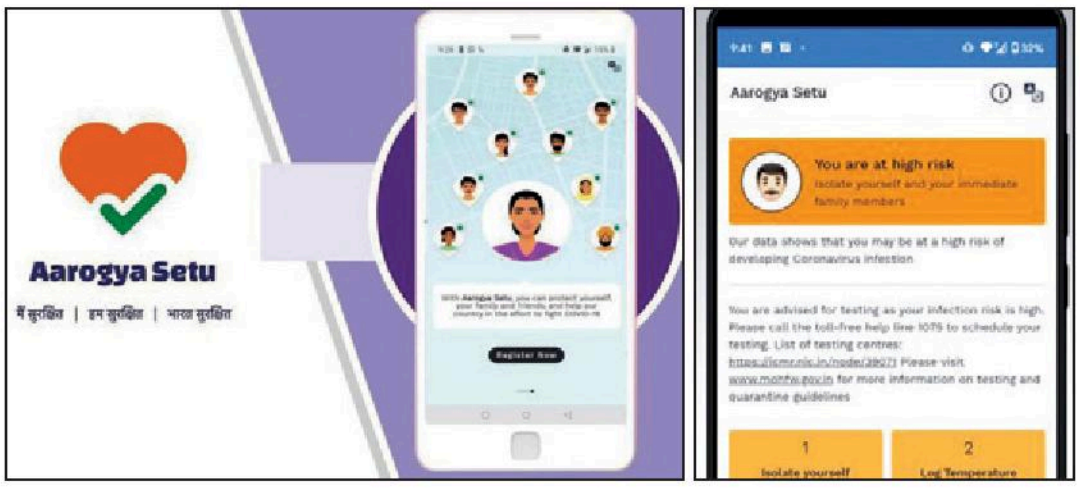
Mysuru, Apr. 4 (MTY&DM)- Taking another step for combating the deadly COVID-19, KR MLA S.A. Ramdas launched 'COVID-19 Ayur Care' team here on Friday.

Ramdas had recently launched MCCT (Mysuru COVID Care Team). Speaking after the launch of Ayur Care team, he said that the team will have six Ayurveda Doctors — **Dr. Anil Kumar** (94480-43619); **Dr. Dayanand** (94807-21001); **Dr. Prasanna Prakash** (82778-88521); **Dr. Vedanath** (99162-00341), **Dr. Ranjini Karthik Pandit** (98860-14179) and **Dr. Priyanka Shandilya** (99020-88942).

The citizens of Mysuru can contact these Doctors between 11 am and 2 pm on all days for Medical and Health Consultation, he said and added that this team will work towards allaying fears and instil confidence among the people regarding the Novel Coronavirus.

GSS Foundation's Srihari, B.S. Prashanth of Safe Wheels and others were present.

Government launches AarogyaSetu mobile app to track spread of COVID-19


Aarogya Setu
मैं सुरक्षित | हम सुरक्षित | भारत सुरक्षित
Aarogya Setu
You are at high risk
Isolate yourself and your immediate family members
Our data shows that you may be at a high risk of developing Coronavirus infection
Isolate yourself
Log Temperature

New Delhi, Apr. 4 (Agencies)- The Ministry of Electronics and IT launched a mobile app called AarogyaSetu which will help people in identifying the risk of getting affected by the Coronavirus.

"The app built through public private partnership assesses them the risk for their catching the Coronavirus infection. It will calculate this based on their interaction with others, using cutting edge Bluetooth technology, algorithms and artificial intelligence," an official statement said.

The core function of the app remains the same as the beta version: Using your phone's location data and Bluetooth to assess if you've been near a person who was infected by COVID-19, by looking through a database of known cases.

Once installed in a smart phone, the app detects other nearby devices with AarogyaSetu installed. The app can then calculate the risk of infection based on sophisticated parameters if any of these contacts is tested positive.

The app specifies that all your data is on the device in an encrypted form. Looking at the code, it sends your data to the server in an anonymous form to check if you're near an infected person. To do that, the app will rely on Bluetooth to check if you've been within six feet of an infected person.

"The App will help the Government take necessary timely steps for assessing risk of spread of COVID-19 infection, and ensuring isolation where required," it said. The app is available in 11 languages and has been launched on both Andriod and IoS.

The app shares your data with the Government in case you've been tested positive for Coronavirus or have been in close contact with a person who was tested positive. For what it's worth, the app's privacy policy suggests your data won't be shared with third-parties.

The Mobile app also has some nifty features such as a chatbot to help you determine if you may have Coronavirus symptoms, rolling updates from the Health Ministry, and a list of helpline numbers for each State in India.

RK Ashram distributes Corona Protection Medical Kits

Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram is distributing Corona Protection Medical Kits to Police and general public in city for the past four days. Swami Yukteshanandaji, Swami Punyavratanandaji and Swami Shantivratanandaji have distributed over 1,000 medical kits at Manjunathapura, Kumbarakoppal and V.V. Puram. Each kit contains sanitiser, soap, mask, tissue paper, biscuit and Vitamin-C tablets.

Vijayendra fans disburse medicines to patients

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (MTY&DM)- Fans of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's son B.Y. Vijayendra, who is the State General Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), the youth wing of BJP, distributed medicines for free to patients at various localities in city including Kuvempunagar HUDCO Layout and Sharadadevinagar yesterday.

Speaking to press persons on the occasion, B.Y. Vijayendra Fans Association President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, who is also a former Mysuru Taluk Panchayath President, said that following a direction from Yediyurappa, the Association has been distributing medicines for free to patients in the city and district. On Friday, medicines were distributed to several patients at Kuvempunagar HUDCO Layout, Sharadadevinagar, Lalitadripura and other localities in city and at Nanjangud and H.D. Kote in the district, he said.

The Association has been engaged in supplying food packets to Policemen on duty and the poor since the past couple of days and on Friday, the fans distributed food to the poor at Ekalavyanagar, Indiranagar, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Nagar, Youth Hostel and a few slums in city. Association Members Anand, Lakshmidevi, Nikhil, Jeswin, Nandeesh, Appu and others were present.

M.K. Somashekar's feeding drive completes 11 days

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (RKB&DM)- The distribution of food to the shelterless and destitutes of the city by former KR MLA M.K. Somashekar completed eleven days on Friday.

Yesterday, the former MLA distributed food packets, face masks and water bottles to over 1,500 people at Dharam Singh Colony, Devaraj Urs Colony and Hosur. Local leaders Ganesh, Ramu, Paramesh, Vasanth Kumar, Harish, Babu, Shekhar, Sunil and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Pleonasm

Pronunciation: PLEE-uh-naz-um.
Meaning: The use of more words than those necessary to denote mere sense (as in the man he said): redundancy, an instance or example of pleonasm.
Origin: Pleonasm, which stems (via Late Latin) from the Greek verb pleonazein, meaning "to be excessive," is a fancy word for "redundancy." It's related to our words plus and plenty, and ultimately it goes back to the Greek word for "more," which is pleōn.
Pleonasm is commonly considered a fault of style, but it can also serve a useful function. "Extra" words can sometimes be helpful to a speaker or writer in getting a message across, adding emphasis, or simply adding an appealing sound and rhythm to a phrase—as, for example, with the pleonasm "I saw it with my own eyes!"
Example: The grammarian's recent post discussed pleonasms, such as "past history" and "personal friend."

THE ODD WORD

Pecksniffian

Affecting benevolence or high moral principles.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Panic stations

Meaning: A state of high alert, often a simulated panic for comic effect.

Origin: The earliest citation of the term 'panic stations' that I can find in print comes from the New York newspaper *The World,* September 1892. The actual reference is to 'anti-panic stations', which were units set up by the local medical services in order to reassure the public during a cholera outbreak. However, that can't be said to be the origin of the term, as it has a different meaning to the one that we usually understand.
The real 'panic stations' is a rare linguistic beast, in that it is a nautical phrase that doesn't originate from the heydays of sail. One of the numerous meanings of the word station is 'a position assigned to a man on duty'. The Royal Navy had several commands to call sailors to their stations, notably 'action stations', which was ordered when a ship came under attack. Oddly, for a term that sounds like an ironic play on words, 'panic stations' was an actual command. This is apparent in a report titled Behind the Veil, published in *The Times,* November 1918: Alarm gongs had already sent the guns' crews to their invisible guns and immediately after the explosion 'Panic stations' was ordered, followed in due course by 'Abandon ship'.

QUOTE BOX

I've had a lot of worries in my life, most of which never happened.

— Mark Twain

RIDDLE THIS

Who makes it, has no need of it. Who buys it, has no use for it. Who uses it can neither see nor feel it. What is it?

Answer: A coffin.

SUDOKU

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9				3				2
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Answer to previous puzzle

8	4	6	2	9	3	1	5	7
5	9	2	1	7	4	6	8	3
1	7	3	8	6	5	9	4	2
4	2	9	6	3	7	5	1	8
3	6	8	5	1	2	7	9	4
7	1	5	9	4	8	2	3	6
6	5	4	7	8	9	3	2	1
2	3	1	4	5	6	8	7	9
9	8	7	3	2	1	4	6	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 "O all" could be a girl?
5 Natal or Jo'burg locale
8 Spheres or globes
12 Kerala festival
13 1993 French Open Champion
15 Decline; worsening
17 India's cricket trophy
18 Venomous, hooded serpents
19 Genetic identification
21 Melted with intense heat?
24 To be - a change of "era"?
27 Thankfulness
30 Blend, amalgamate or coalesce
31 ____ Safin: Russian tennis star
32 Hurricane hdg.
33 Politician with a slight leaning towards the left
35 Pop
36 English guns
37 London's ___ Gardens
39 Tracks of wheels in soft earth
41 Semi-diameters
45 Misgivings
49 Able to read
50 Dry and withered
51 Not so much
52 Informal term for the mouth?
53 It might shade you from the sun

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	B	A	T		G	A	T	M		R	E	S
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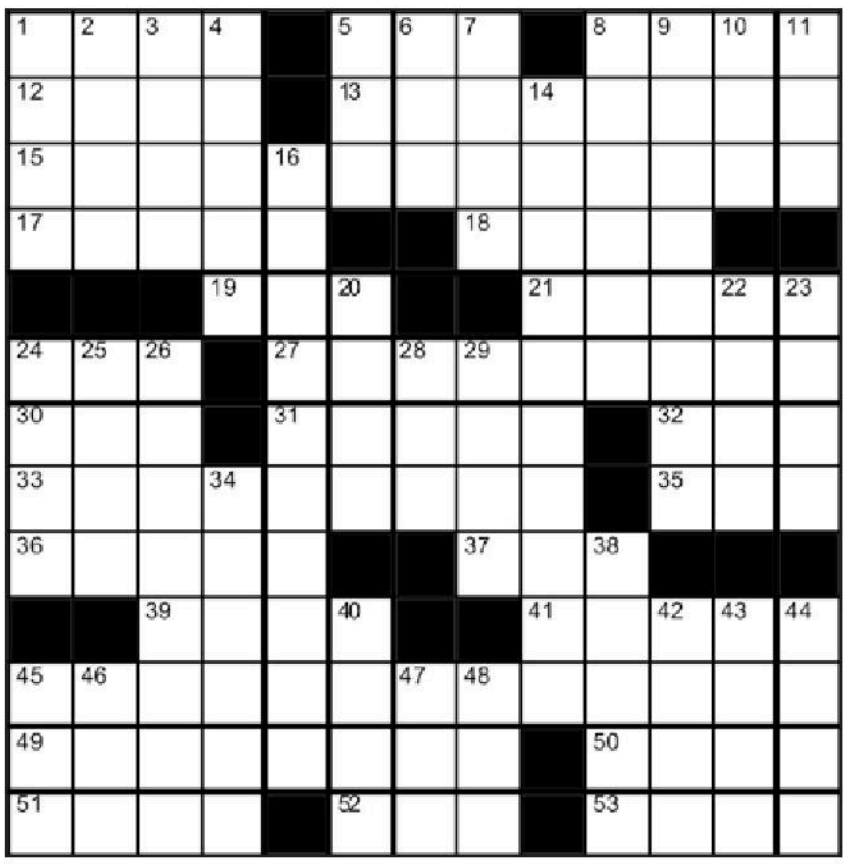
C	T	O		E	L	A	M		A	R	V	O
S	O	N		D	O	W	N		S	Y	E	D

DOWN
1 Ebrahim ___ was overthrown by Baber
2 Unique or singular person
3 Her playback singing is legendary
4 Correct or reform
5 Rsrv. Bk. of India
6 Sellout sign: abbr.
7 Atmosphere, air or emanation
8 Input's computer counter-part?
9 Put into circulation again? (2-6)
10 Brother, in short
11 "S" in SF the city
14 People who install gas-operated equipment
16 He directs the circus performances
20 Russian sea
22 "A den" unsuitable for a girl?
23 An achievement
24 Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Serv.
25 Mob violence or uprising
26 Passages or selections from
28 Agri. Resch. Inst.
29 Laborious job to be done
34 Gets used to or habituated to
38 Body part below the ribs
40 Counterfeit
42 Active one
43 Concerning, in legal terms - "rein" anagram? (2,2)
44 Understanding term? (1,3)
45 Everybody
46 Bakery offering
47 Greek letter
48 ___ Delhi : our capital?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and Words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NKT BYN OW VDLYUUKDFGWV DE NKT EYDQ, OTG

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TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Management is efficiency in climbing the ladder of success; leadership determines whether the ladder is leaning against the right wall.

Now you cannot pick up vegetables without sanitising your hands

Disinfection Tunnel set up at Mysuru Vegetable Market

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar walks through the Disinfection Tunnel installed at the new Vegetable Market at Dasara Exhibition Grounds in city after it was formally launched this morning as Mayor Tasneem looks on. Also present on the occasion were MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Corporator Chayadevi, ADC N.M. Shashikumar, MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraju and Ramesh Kikkeri.

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (MTY&BNR)- To make sure that people do not miss out sanitising their hands before picking up their vegetables, a Disinfection Tunnel or Pathway was set up at the entrance of the temporary Vegetable Market in city yesterday.

With thousands of people visiting the market every day, the process of sanitising to contain the spread of COVID-19 had become a herculean task for authorities. To address this, the locally designed low-cost disinfection mechanism, set up by a city-based team led by Ramesh Kikkeri that included Dr. Nagaraj, Dr. Praveen and Hanumantharaju, was installed at the new Vegetable Market at Dasara Exhibition Grounds in city.

It utilises less water and Sodium Hypochlorite (commonly referred to as bleach). Individuals must pass through the tunnel with their palms raised. The sanitiser, which is affixed to the roof of the Tunnel will sprinkle the disinfectant by a fully automatic process.

Clarifying that Sodium Hypochlorite is harmless, MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraju said: "The Bleach, which is used in Swimming Pools too, does not affect the skin. As swimmers will be in the pool for hours, at times they may feel burning sensation in their nose or eyes, but a person will hardly need 8-10 seconds to pass through this Disinfection Tunnel that is 2.5 mts in length and 4 ft in width."

"Two water tanks of 1,000 litres capacity are being used for this Tunnel. Sprinklers which pour out water in big droplets have been avoided and two sprayers which eject water in mist form are used to minimise the usage of water. The Tunnel utilised only 400 litres of water on day-1 yesterday," he said informing about the mechanism.

"The Tunnel will be functional from 5 am to 10 am and 6.30 pm to 11.30 pm when the Market will be visited by sellers and buyers alike. Similar Tunnel will be set up at Lalitha Mahal Grounds and there are proposal to set up such Disinfection Tunnels at K.R. Hospital and DC Office which is cost-convenient and effective at places where more number of people visit," he said adding that the water tanks are provided by MCC and mechanism is set up by the team.

Disinfectants sprayed at Mysuru Central Jail

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (RK&BNR)- In order to contain the spread of COVID-19, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is spraying disinfectants (Sodium Hypochlorite) at various public places in city.

Similarly, following a request from Mysuru Central Jail Chief Superintendent Divyashree to spray the disinfectant as Jail is overcrowded and there are chances of contracting COVID-19, MCC Abhaya Team, along with Health Inspectors, sprayed disinfectants at all the Jail Cells and Office premises from afternoon till evening yesterday, said MCC Health Officer Dr. Nagaraju.

Dr. Nagaraju further said that the MCC had already disinfected Bus Stand, DC Office and KR Hospital, and KSRTC depot officials have also asked to spray disinfectants in their premises which will be done today or tomorrow.

It may be recalled that Mysuru Central Prison has a total of 820 inmates out of which 31 undertrials and 24 convicts were released recently as Supreme Court asked all States to consider releasing prisoners facing sentences of up to seven years in order to decongest prisons in the wake of Coronavirus pandemic.

Pay power bill online: CESC

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The relief was applicable till June. The order had stated that the entire bill would have to be paid at the end of three months. The revised power tariff, which was to be announced on Apr. 1, was also deferred.

As per the latest circular (dated Apr. 3) from the Under Secretary to the Government of Karnataka Energy Department, N. Mangalagowri, CESC has been ordered to generate average bill of previous months (March 2020) and send the bills to consumers through email, WhatsApp or SMS with the existing database.

Pay online

Consumers are requested to pay their electricity bills as per their previous month's average bill amount, online through debit card, credit card, internet banking, wallet payment, UPI payments, Pay U App, IMI Mobile App, Karnataka One website or app. Any difference in amount depending on actual power consumption would be adjusted when the bill collection system is streamlined.

Bill collectors will visit only large consumers, companies and industries to hand over individual power bills. They, however, will not come to individual houses.

Consumers can also call 1912 (24x7 Helpline) and inform the respective CESC divisions of their account IDs and mobile number for obtaining the bill copies through mail, WhatsApp or SMS and then make the payment. They can also log on to www.cescmysore.org to pay bills online.

Day-to-day income hit

Due to the lockdown, bill collectors and meter readers are unable to come to individual houses, flats and apartments and hand over bills. This has affected the liquidity position of the CESC thereby impairing its ability to pay the generating and transmission companies.

CESC's day-to-day expenses are maintained with everyday revenue collections from the consumers. If the payments from the consumers are delayed, it will be difficult to pay for the generators for power purchase and also become very difficult to provide uninterrupted power supply to the consumers.

One-time measure

However, this is only a one-time measure for the current month keeping in mind COVID-19 regulations in place and for the safety of the consumers and bill collectors. The effort is avoid the bill collectors from going door-to-door to generate bills and thereby risk themselves to virus exposure.

Bill amount to be adjusted

Consumers, through the circular, have been requested to follow this and make the payments online. The bill amount will be adjusted from next month's bill cycle and those who cannot make online payments will have to pay a collective bill of two months in the month of May, said the circular.

Regular meter reading, billing and collection activities shall be made as before from 01.05.2020 onwards and any difference in the average bill and the actual reading may be adjusted in the following month's bill, stated the circular.

COVID-19 lockdown: City educational institutions resort to online classes

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (MTY&DM)- Forced to shut down due to the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown, many educational institutions of the city have resorted to online classes in order to make up for the time lost due to the lockdown.

Most private educational institutions of the city that run under-graduate, post-graduate, technical, professional and other courses, have already started virtual classes for their students in order to cover the left over portions for the current academic year, through Zoom and other mobile Apps.

As far as high school and primary schools are concerned, many institutions have appointed teachers as class-wise mentors in order to counsel their students online by contacting them and their parents through Mobile Apps. The teachers have been tasked with collecting information regarding the activities of the students and to educate them on the DOs and DON'Ts during the lockdown period.

Meanwhile, JSS AHER (JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research), which is one of the biggest educational institutions of the city, is learnt to have already familiarised its nearly 30,000 students to online classes. The institution has directed students and staff to download facilitating mobile apps to submit projects, seminars and assignments. Switching over to online classes using the latest available technology, the institution hopes to recover the classes lost during the lockdown period, according to sources.

However, technical glitches are a challenge to online classes launched by educational institutions. Owing to disturbances and technical glitches during online classes, a few college lecturers in general have complained that they are able to complete only half of the study plan. Also, many rural students have been complaining that poor internet speed are hurting their online classes and issues regarding technical glitches need to be addressed on a priority basis for smooth and uninterrupted online classes.

Government's manual to prepare homemade masks for all

New Delhi, Apr. 4 (Agencies)- The office of the Government's Principal Scientific Advisor on Tuesday issued a detailed manual to prepare homemade masks using easily available items like old vests, T-shirts and handkerchiefs, stressing they are "70 percent effective" in curbing the spread of Coronavirus. Masks lower the chances of Coronavirus entering the respiratory system through droplets left in the air from an infected person.

Wearing masks is especially recommended for people living in densely populated areas, the manual states. Reducing the chances of inhaling the virus by wearing a protective mask cleaned thoroughly using a combination of approaches that use heat, ultraviolet light, water, soap and alcohol, will be vital to stopping its spread, the manual states.

"A double layer of 100 per cent cotton cloth is about 70 percent as effective as a surgical mask at capturing small particles (up to five times smaller than coronavirus). This material is breathable and it is easy to find around the house. These masks can be easily reused," the manual states.

Before making the masks, the fabric should be washed well and boiled for 5 minutes. Adding salt to this water is recommended, as per the manual.

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COVID - 19 UPDATE

MYSURU

Persons observed till date	:	2,809
Persons isolated in home for 14 days	:	1,705
Persons isolated in hospital	:	21
Persons completed 14-days isolation	:	1,081
Total samples tested	:	151
Samples found negative	:	130
Total positive cases	:	21
Death toll so far in Mysuru	:	0

STATE & NATION

Total positive cases in Karnataka	:	128
Death toll so far in Karnataka	:	4
Total positive cases in India	:	3,213
Death toll so far in India	:	92

(NOTE: FIGURES TILL 2 PM)

COVID-19 District Emergency Control Room

The Mysuru District Emergency Control Room for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is functional 24x7 and has a team of operators and medical professionals who are working in shifts. All related queries will be handled professionally and necessary guidance will be provided to all callers, according to Mysuru DC.

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